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City of Los Angeles  
Councilmember, Eleventh District

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Sean Burton, President  
Board of Airport Commissioners  
Los Angeles World Airports  
1 World Way  
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Dear Mr. Burton:

Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) recently released a Draft Non-Exclusive Licensing Agreement (NELA) that would permit Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) to begin pick-up operations at LAX.

I'm pleased to see LAWA working on putting sensible regulations in place that will expand transportation options for people getting to and from the airport while we work on game-changers like finally connecting LAX with our rail system. These regulations, however, must ensure that companies like Uber and Lyft compete for passengers on a level playing field with other services like taxis, and that they don't cause unintended congestion and parking impacts to local neighborhoods, and that passenger safety is a top priority.

As the Councilmember representing Westchester, Playa del Rey and the Century Blvd corridor, I want to highlight the particular importance of a number of regulations in the NELA that are intended to mitigate airport traffic and operational impacts, and emphasize the need for strict enforcement of those rules. Specifically, I urge you to approve the following regulations:

- All TNCs must have incorporated the virtual perimeter Airport boundaries, "Geo-Fence," into the TNC mobile app. This fence is bound by Westchester Parkway to the north, Aviation Blvd to the east, Imperial Blvd to the south and Pershing Drive to the west.
- No TNC Vehicles shall stage, wait or park in any other areas of the Airport other than the Designated Staging Area.
- No TNC shall park or wait for potential bookings on any and all residential streets or in parking lots available to the general public within two miles of the perimeter of the Geo-Fence.
- Each TNC will be identified electronically by a unique number that allows the City to audit compliance with the NELA terms and operating requirements.

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Additionally, I request that you clarify or add the following rules to the Draft NELA:

- No LAX pickup requests from the Central Terminal Area should be received outside of the designated waiting lot. Pick up requests from LAX should also not be received beyond the geofence (except in the unlikely event that there are no vehicles in the designated waiting lot).
- TNCs should be required to serve the public equally, regardless of destination. LAWA should ensure that passengers are not refused a ride less than 50 miles away.
- Review all collected traffic and additional data after six months, both on airport property and surrounding neighborhoods, to understand impacts and possible unintended issues.

Thanks to a smart and exciting modernization program, under the leadership of the Mayor and the Board of Airport Commissioners, LAX is rapidly becoming the world-class airport that Los Angeles deserves. Implementing this operating license correctly is an important step toward ensuring that LAX also remains a first-class neighbor. Thank you very much for your consideration of these requests.

Regards,



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